



Colleen Yamaguchi, *Interim Senior Director*

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Office of Diversity and Inclusion



Meet Colleen Yamaguchi

Colleen Yamaguchi is the Interim Senior Director for Diversity and Inclusion with the Department of Social and Health Services.

Colleen brings unique skills and experience to reinforce the DSHS's commitments to cultural competence across the Department.

In her private practice, Colleen specializes in leadership and professional development and coaching, helping professionals in the private and non-profit sectors to become effective leaders. She is the program director for the Leadership Navigation Program for the Executive Development Institute, a non-profit organization in the Pacific Northwest that provides culturally tailored leadership development programs for Asian Pacific and Hispanic emerging and experienced leaders.

Colleen brings more than 25 years of experience in managing transactions, teams and individuals, and is known for her collaborative approach in leveraging strengths, bridging diverse perspectives across function, culture, geography and gender, and driving exceptional performance and consistent win-win success.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, Colleen holds a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and an M.B.A and B.B.A from the University of Hawaii. Her coaching certification is from the Hudson Institute of Santa Barbara. She is trained and certified in a variety of instruments, assessments and workshops around 360 feedback, emotional intelligence, behavior styles, personality traits, interpersonal relationships, engagement and collaborative change.